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# Commission Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Workforce Planning

Office of Human Resources Office of Small Business and Civil Rights May 28, 2008

# Agenda

- Critical Skills Staffing
- Training and Development
- Employee Satisfaction
- Business Process Improvements
- Small Business and Civil Rights

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## **Critical Skills Staffing**

James F. McDermott, Director Office of Human Resources

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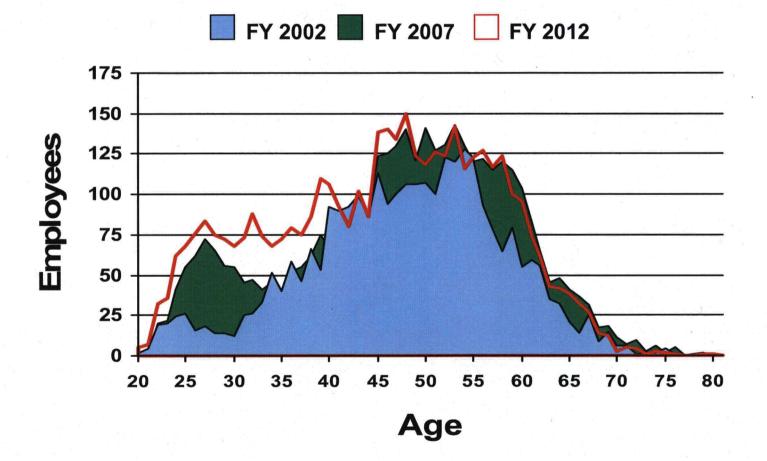
- Increasingly competitive environment for highly skilled individuals
- Different workforce demographics
- Workforce expectation for increased flexibilities and worklife benefits
- Additional tools available to attract and retain employees

## **Critical Skills Staffing**

#### Critical Skills Needs

- Engineering (Digital Instrumentation & Control, Materials, Risk & Reliability)
- Construction Specialties (Structural, Welding, Concrete)
- Health Physics
- Administrative Management Skills (Information Technology, Cyber Security, Acquisition)

# Age Distribution of Permanent Employees



## **Training and Development**

Kathy Halvey Gibson, Associate Director for Human Resources Training and Development



- On-line learning at the desktop
- Enhanced tools for instructor-led training

- Simulation capability for new reactor designs
- Leadership academy

## Employee Satisfaction Business Process Improvements

#### Miriam Cohen, Deputy Director Office of Human Resources

# **Employee Satisfaction**

- Meaningful and challenging work
- Quality supervision
- Flexible work environment
- Amenities
- More varied and immediate awards
- Upward, peer and customer/stakeholder feedback

## **Business Process Improvements**

- Streamlined hiring process
  - Simpler application process
  - Automated rating and ranking
  - Lean Six Sigma improvements
- Modernization
  - Electronic Official Personnel Folders

- Retirement System Modernization
- Agency guidelines on-line

## Small Business and Civil Rights

### Corenthis B. Kelley, Director Office of Small Business and Civil Rights



# Agenda

- Outreach and Compliance Coordination Program (OCCP)
- Small Business Program
- Comprehensive Diversity Management Plan (CDMP)

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Civil Rights Program

# Outreach and Compliance Coordination Program

- Outreach Activities
  - Voted 2008 "Top Supporter" of HBCUs
  - Funded research leading to scientific breakthrough
  - Funded STEM activities for 300 students
  - MSIP showcased at President's Advisory Board
  - Draft measures office review pending

# Outreach and Compliance Coordination Program

- Compliance Activities
  - Developed and implemented formal program
  - Progress in 10 subprogram areas
  - Conducted pre- and post-award compliance reviews
  - Monitored compliance of 57 recipients
  - Assisted offices in providing LEP support

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Conducted POC orientation training





# **Small Business Program**

- Strategies for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) contracting
  - Pilot a mentor-protégé program
  - Increase outreach and external/internal training
  - Increase SDVOSB set-asides
  - Establish contract incentives
  - Increase contract opportunities

# **Comprehensive Diversity Management Plan (CDMP)**

- CDMP measures
  - Non-retirement losses
  - Staff development
  - GG 13-15 feeder groups
  - Leadership positions
- Diversity awareness training

# **Civil Rights Program**

- EEO complaints management
  Monitor complaint trends
  No backlog of complaints
  - ADR awareness
  - New tracking system
- Office assessments

## Acronyms

ADR CDMP EEO GG HBCU

LEP

Alternative Dispute Resolution Comprehensive Diversity Management Plan Equal Employment Opportunity General Grade Historically Black Colleges and Universities Limited English Proficiency

## Acronyms

MSIP

OCCP

# POC SDVOSB

STEM

**Minority Serving Institutions** Program **Outreach and Compliance Coordination Program** Point of Contact Service Disabled Veteran **Owned Small Business** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

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